



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2022-0045; OMB No. 1660-0098]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request; FEMA Citizen Responder Programs Registration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 30 day notice of revision and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission seeks comments concerning FEMA's Citizen Responder programs registration. These programs include Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) and Citizen Corps Councils.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review – Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Information Management Division, 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20472, email address: FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov or Andy Burrows, Branch

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Post Katrina Management Reform Act (PKEMRA), codified within title 6 U.S.C. requires the FEMA Administrator to provide Federal leadership necessary to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from or mitigate against a natural disaster, act of terrorism, or other man-made disaster. This responsibility includes planning, training, and building the emergency management profession by building a comprehensive incident management system with Federal, state, and local government personnel, agencies and authorities, and helping the emergency response providers to effectively respond. See 6 U.S.C. 314. As part of this responsibility to help and support emergency response providers, FEMA supports efforts to train and assist in organizing citizen responder programs. With E.O. 13254, *Establishing the USA Freedom Corps* (67 FR 4869, Feb. 1, 2002) Citizen Corps was launched as a Presidential Initiative on January 29, 2002, with a mission to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared for the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

Another FEMA Citizen Responder program, the CERT was originally developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985. Since 1993 when this training was made available nationally by FEMA, communities in 28 states and Puerto Rico have conducted CERT training. FEMA supports CERT by conducting or sponsoring Train-the-Trainer and Program Manager courses for members of the fire, medical and emergency management community.

To fulfill its mission, FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division (ICPD) will collect information from Citizen Corps Councils and CERT Programs

through the Citizen Responder online registration form. The Citizen Responder registration form will allow FEMA as well as state, local, Tribal and territorial personnel to evaluate whether prospective Councils/CERTs have the support of the appropriate government officials in their area, ensure a dedicated coordinator is assigned to the program, and provide an efficient way to track the effectiveness of the nationwide network of Councils and CERT programs.

This proposed information collection previously published in the *Federal Register* on December 5, 2022, at 87 FR 74434 with a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that FEMA will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance.

Collection of Information

Title: FEMA Citizen Responder Programs Registration.

Type of Information Collection: Extension, with change, of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0098.

FEMA Forms: FEMA Form FF-008-FY-22-129 (formerly 008-0-25), Citizen Corps Council – CERT Registration.

Abstract: The FEMA Citizen Responder registration form will allow FEMA as well as state, local, Tribal and territorial personnel to evaluate whether prospective Councils / CERTs have the support of the appropriate government officials in their area, ensure a dedicated coordinator is assigned to the program, and provide an efficient way to track the effectiveness of the nationwide network of Councils and CERT programs.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 4,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,000.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost: \$40,610.

Estimated Respondents' Operation and Maintenance Costs: \$0.

Estimated Respondents' Capital and Start-Up Costs: \$0.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government: \$13,205.

Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above.

Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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